

**MINUTES OF AN REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 20, 2012 in the West Annex meeting room, Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Korman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Endo-Roberts, Frangos, Korman, Miranda, Rische, and Chairperson Bunting.

Absent: Commissioner Candioly*.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Rappoport.

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to grant Commissioner Candioly an excused absence for the August 20, 2012 Commission meeting. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

*Commissioner Candioly arrived at 7:25 p.m.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5A. MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2012

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved for the approval of the July 16, 2012 Commission meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Candioly).

6. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #1

The Commission welcomed Christian Wolf, Executive Director of the Torrance Cultural Arts Foundation.

Mr. Wolf distributed the 2012-2013 Foundation season brochure that will open with political satire Capitol Steps on September 28-29. He described the upcoming Guest Artists series, Studio Cabaret series, Opera Cinema series, and special events that will include "Dancing With the South Bay Stars II" and an interactive dinner murder mystery "An Election to Die For!" He encouraged Commissioners to attend one of the season's shows.

7. ON-GOING BUSINESS

7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS SUBMISSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Commissioner Endo-Roberts presented her recommendation to award Dr. Wing Mar for the Literary Arts category.

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to accept the recommendation to award Dr. Wing Mar an Excellence in Arts Award in the category of Literary Arts. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Candioly).

Commissioner Korman discussed the nominations in the Music category and presented her recommendation to award L.A. South Towns Show Chorus.

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to accept the recommendation to award L.A. South Towns Show Chorus an Excellence in Arts Award in the category of Music. Commissioner Frangos seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Candioly).

Chairperson Bunting presented her recommendation to award nominee Bill Wassenberg for the category of Visual Arts & Design.

MOTION: Commissioner Endo-Roberts moved to accept the recommendation to award Bill Wassenberg an Excellence in Arts Award in the category of Visual Arts & Design. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval (absent Commissioner Candioly).

Commissioner Candioly arrived at 7:25 p.m.

Commissioner Frangos discussed her recommendation to award nominee Mark Esposito in the Dance category.

MOTION: Commissioner Korman moved to accept the recommendation to award Mark Esposito an Excellence in Arts Award in the category of Dance. Commissioner Endo-Roberts seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

Commissioner Miranda discussed his recommendation to award Jordana Benone an Excellence in Arts Award in the category of Drama & Theatre Arts.

MOTION: Commissioner Rische moved to accept the recommendation to award Jordana Benone an Excellence in Arts Award in the category of Drama & Theatre Arts. Commissioner Korman seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

Commissioner Rische presented her recommendation to award Ron Libbrecht in the category of Arts Education.

MOTION: Commissioner Candioly moved to accept the recommendation to award Ron Libbrecht an Excellence in Arts Award in the category of Arts Education. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion; voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

Commissioner Candioly presented his recommendation to nominate Bob and Laurie Brandt, owners and operators of Red Car Brewery, for the Katy Geissert Award.

MOTION: Commissioner Miranda moved to accept the recommendation to award Bob and Laurie Brandt an Excellence in Arts Award in the category of Katy Geissert Award. Commissioner Rische seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

8. NEW BUSINESS

8A. 2011-2012 COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT

Manager Rappoport presented the draft Cultural Arts Commission Annual Report for July 2011 through June 2012.

Commissioner Endo-Roberts offered minor corrections and additions.

8B. CITIZEN DEVELOPMENT & ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Manager Rappoport discussed the August 13 meeting of the Citizen Development and Enrichment Committee, highlighting the following three items specifically related to the Cultural Services Division. She stated that a City Council agenda item for August 21 was included in Commissioners' packets and encouraged Commissioners to attend the meeting.

8B1. TAM MUSEUM BUDGET

Manager Rappoport reported that it is recommended that the Torrance Art Museum budget remain status quo. She stated that staff has been asked to explore revenue generating opportunities and has already implemented a pilot rental program for the facility. She offered to bring back the rental policy and fee structure at a future Commission meeting.

8B.2 COMMUNITY SERVICES SUBSIDY LEVELS

Manager Rappoport stated that there would be another joint meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission and Park & Recreation Commission to review Department subsidy levels.

Responding to Commissioner Endo-Roberts' inquiry about grants, she stated that there are not many funding sources that give money to government and that it would be difficult to implement use of grant funds.

8B.3 MARKETING SUPPORT FOR CULTURAL CLASSES

Manager Rappoport discussed staff's proposal to hire a Marketing Consultant in order to increase the marketing efforts for classes.

8C. COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT YOUTH VALUES STATEMENT

Manager Rappoport presented a Department-wide Youth Values Statement developed by City Librarian Theyer and asked Commissioners to provide input and feedback. She noted that the Statement is a goal in the City's Strategic Plan, Key Performance Indicator #45.

9. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

9A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed in Item 7A.

9B. FACILITIES COMMITTEE

No report.

9C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

No report.

10. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Manager Rappoport noted that the Cultural Services Division Report for July 2012 was included in agenda packets. She reported that Torrance Art Museum's exhibit "Baker's Dozen 4" opened July 21 and that this weekend is the last chance to see "Fiddler on the Roof."

11. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS #2

11A. Commissioner Korman stated that she enjoyed "Fiddler on the Roof" and announced the birth of her new granddaughter.

11B. Commissioner Rische stated that she also enjoyed "Fiddler on the Roof."

11C. Commissioner Endo-Roberts stated that "Fiddler on the Roof" was fantastic and that TAM's "Baker's Dozen 4" was phenomenal.

11D. Commissioner Miranda stated that he attended opening night of "Fiddler on the Roof" and the TAM exhibit opening. He announced a jazz performance at the Ford Theatre on August 25.

11E. Commissioner Frangos stated that she attended the TAM opening, "Made in L.A.," and LACMA.

11F. Commissioner Candioly commended the TAM exhibit and mentioned that Tim Weisberg is an old friend.

11G. Commissioner Bunting stated that she enjoyed attending the TAM opening.

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 8:15 p.m., Commissioner Candioly moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, September 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Miranda seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Bunting so ordered.

Approved as Submitted September 17, 2012 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
